

UNCLASSIFIED 091315Z MAY 74 HANDLE VIA EXCLUSIVE CHANNELS

HAKTO 66
MAY 9, 1974
TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: JERRY BREMER

1. PLEASE PASS TO HAIG AND ZIEGLER FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF
ARRIVAL STATEMENTS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER
SAQQAF:

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY:

QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO CALL ON HIS
MAJESTY KING FAISAL, AND ALSO TO REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER
ABOUT THE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. THE UNITED
STATES ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF
THESE TALKS....AND WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS. WE ATTACH VERY
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VIEWS OF HIS MAJESTY, OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA, AND I EXPECT TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS WITH HIM. IN ADDITION WE PLAN TO DISCUSS IN SOME
DETAIL THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS
OF ESTABLISHING IN THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS. I WOULD LIKE
TO THANK THE FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR HIS CHARACTERISTICALLY WARM
RECEPTION. T

No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-259-6-62-0

QUOTE: IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO FIRST OF ALL THANK HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, FOR THE NICE WORDS HE HAS JUST UTTERED AND ALSO IT GIVES ME PLEASURE AND IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME HIM ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO THIS COUNTRY. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN CONSISTENTLY SHOWN BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS INTEREST IN SEEING A SOLUTION TO THE NEAR EASTERN PROBLEM. WE ALSO APPRECIATE GREATLY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN FIT TO SEND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE, OUR FRIEND, HENRY, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, NEEDLESS TO SAY, TO COME HERE AND CONVEY TO US THE VIEWS AND EXCHANGE IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

AT THE RISK OF REPEATING MYSELF, IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SAY IT AGAIN, ANYWAY, THAT FROM THE FIRST MOMENT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING DR. KISSINGER, I SENSED IN HIM INTEGRITY, STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS, AND TRUTHFULNESS TO HIS WORD. FROM THE FIRST I WAS CONVINCED THAT HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND HE IS STRIVING VERY HARD TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM IN COOPERATION WITH ALL CONCERNED. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE AND KNOW, FOR A FACT, WHAT AN ARDUOUS TASK IT MUST BE, THIS GOING AND COMING, THIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, SO TO SPEAK, AND IN FACT WE ARE DOUBLY SURPRISED, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, SECRETARY OF STATE, BECAUSE A MAN WHO CONDUCTS THIS KIND OF DIPLOMACY, STAYING AWAY SO OFTEN BEFORE THE END OF HIS HONEYMOON, IS REALLY ASTOUNDING.

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, HEADED BY HIS MAJESTY KING FAYSAL, AND IN THE NAME OF ITS PEOPLE, REFLECTING THE WISHES AND THE DESIRES OF ITS PEOPLE, CHERISH NOTHING BUT AMITY AND FRIENDLINESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT IS WHY NOT ONLY ARE WE DESIROUS OF, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE WORKING HARD TOWARDS THE CEMENTING AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. OF COURSE, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN, AND WE ARE STRIVING HARD TOWARDS ITS HAPPENING BUT WE ARE NOT FOOLING OURSELVES TO THINK THAT IT WILL HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL ONLY HAPPEN AFTER WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND OVER THOSE ELEMENTS WHO DO NOT WISH A SOLUTION. IN Spite OF ALL THIS WE ARE REALLY WORKING HARD ON TWO FRONTS.

ONCE AGAIN I WELCOME OUR VERY DEAR FRIEND AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR, ALBEIT IN AN ASIDE, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME KIND OF PROGRESS. IN THANKING AGAIN OUR GUEST, DR. KISSINGER, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT HIS NEXT VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY WILL BE FOR OUR PLEASURE, TO COME AND BE OUR GUEST, AND RELAX. THAT WILL HAPPEN WE HOPE, AND WE TRUST IN GOD, WHEN PEACE AND JUSTICE WILL HAVE REIGNED, WHEN HE WILL HAVE HAD HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OTHERS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. WE SAY THIS IN ALL SINCERITY, REFLECTING THE FEELINGS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, WHO HAVE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, ALWAYS HAD EXTREMELY WARM FEELINGS TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHO HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE VALUES FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STOOD-NAMELY, FREEDOM AND DECENT VALUES. ^{RECENTLY IF I MAY ADD A FINAL REMARK IT IS THAT} AS YOU ALL KNOW, ^{RECENTLY IF I MAY ADD A FINAL REMARK IT IS THAT} TENACIOUSLY TO THEIR RELIGIOUS VALUES. THEY WOULD NOT BE SWAYED ONE IOTA, ONE HAIR'S BREADTH, FROM THE RIGHTEOUS PATH, FROM THE TEACHING OF ISLAM AND THE MESSAGE THAT THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD CONVEYED FROM GOD TO THE PEOPLE OF ISLAM. I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD, WOULD KNOW THIS. SOME OF THEM DO, I WISH ALL OF THEM WOULD KNOW THIS BECAUSE THIS WOULD MAKE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND BETTER RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE ALL AFTER ALL, STRIVING FOR THE SAME THING, TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL, NAMELY THAT OF PEACE, OF JUSTICE, THE BETTERMENT OF THE HUMAN BEING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. AND THANK YOU. END QUOTE.

3. WARM REGARDS.

BT

#0066

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم



091315Z

المملكة العربية السعودية
عدد

التاريخ

UNCLASSIFIED

HAKTO 66

May 9, 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: JERRY BREMER

Immediate

1. Please pass to Haig and Ziegler following exchange of arrival statements between Secretary and Saudi Foreign Minister Saqqaf:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

END TEXT

3. Warm regards.

سنة ١٤٠٢ هـ



المملكة العربية السعودية
عدد

التاريخ

UNCLASSIFIED

ACTION: Ambassador CAIRO

Ambassador AMMAN

Ambassador JERUSALEM TEL AVIV

USINT DAMASCUS

INFO: SECSTATE WASH DC

SECTO

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (Kissinger, Henry A.)

SUBJECT: Transcript of Secretary Kissinger's Arrival Statement in Riyadh;
Transcript of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Omar Saqqaf's
Airport Welcoming Statement

Begin Text
2 Statement by Secretary:

QUOTE: I have been asked by President Nixon to call on His Majesty King Faisal, and also to report to the Foreign Minister about the disengagement talks between Syria and Israel. The United States attaches great importance to the successful conclusion of these talks.....and we have made some progress. We attach very great importance to the views of His Majesty, of the Government of Saudi Arabia, and I expect to have a full exchange of views with him. In addition we plan to discuss in some detail the cooperative relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States that we are in the process of establishing in the economic and technical fields. I would like to thank the Foreign Minister for his characteristically warm reception. Thank you very much. END QUOTE

2 Statement by HE Omar Saqqaf:

QUOTE: It gives me pleasure to first of all thank His Excellency the Secretary of State, Dr. [No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-259-6-62-0] it gives me pleasure and it is my privilege to welcome him on behalf of His Majesty's government to this country. We deeply appreciate the concern consistently shown by President Nixon and his interest in seeing a solution to the Near Eastern problem. We also appreciate greatly the fact that the President has seen fit to send his Secretary of State, our friend, Henry, Dr. Henry Kissinger, needless to say, to come here and convey to us the views and exchange in a cooperative manner towards the solution of this problem.

سنة ١٤٠٢ هـ



المملكة العربية السعودية
عدد

التاريخ

Babc Page 2.

At the risk of repeating myself, it gives me pleasure to say it again, anyway, that from the first moment I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Kissinger, I sensed in his integrity, straightforwardness, and truthfulness to his word. From the first I was convinced that he means what he says and he is striving very hard towards the solution of this problem in cooperation with all concerned. We certainly appreciate and know, for a fact, what an arduous task it must be, this going and coming, this shuttle diplomacy, so to speak, and in fact we are doubly surprised, particularly in the case of His Excellency, Secretary of State, because a man who conducts this kind of diplomacy, staying away so often before the end of his honeymoon, is really astounding.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, headed by His Majesty King Faysal, and in the name of its people, reflecting the wishes and the desires of its people, cherish nothing but amity and friendliness for all the people of the United States of America. That is why not only are we desirous of, but we certainly are working hard towards the cementing and strengthening of good relations between our two countries. Of course, we have no doubt that this will happen, and we are striving hard towards its happening. But we are not fooling ourselves to think that it will happen immediately, it will only happen after we have the upper hand over those elements who do not wish a solution. In spite of all this we are really working hard on two fronts.

Once again I welcome our very dear friend and I was very pleased to hear, albeit in an aside, that the discussions have achieved some kind of progress. In thanking again our guest, Dr. Kissinger, I would like to express the hope that his next visit to our country will be for pure pleasure, to come and be our guest, and relax. That will happen we hope, and we trust in God, when peace and justice will have reigned, when he will have had his efforts and those of others crowned with success.

No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-259-6-62-0

people, who have, as you all know, always had extremely warm feelings toward the people of the United States of America, who have always appreciated the values for which the United States of America stood—namely, freedom and decent values, decency. If I may add a final remark it is, that as you all know, or perhaps should know, the Moslem people hold on tenaciously to their religious values. They would not be swayed one iota, one hair's breadth, from the righteous path, from the teachings of Islam and the message that the prophet Mohammed conveyed from God to the People of Islam. I wish the American people should, would know this. Some of them do, I wish all of them would know this because this would make for better understanding and better relationship. We are all after all, striving for the same thing, to achieve the same goal, namely that of peace, of justice, the betterment of the human being anywhere in the world. And thank you. END QUOTE